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## ASSEMBLYMAN KORETZ TO SPONSOR L. A. COUNTY'S FIRST MEDICAL MARLIUANA TASK FORCE

**WHO:** Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood)

Richard Eastman, L.A. County HIV/AIDS Commissioner

Local elected officials or their representatives

Medical marijuana supporters, patients and members of the community

**WHAT:** First meeting of the L.A. County Medical Marijuana Task Force

WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 2003

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Special press conference from 12:00-12:30 Media may attend the entire meeting

**WHERE:** Ramada Inn in Hollywood

1160 N. Vermont Avenue

**WHY:** The State of California is responsible for implementation of Proposition 215, the

Compassionate Use Act, passed by voters in 1996. However, at the request of Attorney General Bill Lockyer, counties and cities must devise their own

implementation course.

After hearing from many constituents in his district about medical marijuana use and the lack of an implementation system in L.A. County, Assemblyman Koretz, together with Richard Eastman, decided to convene a medical marijuana task force for L.A. County. Many other counties in California have established an implementation

system and will serve as consultants for Los Angeles.

At the meeting, patients will honor Assemblyman Koretz for taking courageous first steps in moving Los Angeles County towards implementation of the Compassionate Use Act.

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